

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Amend the title as suggested by the Examiner.
2. Change the status identifier of claims 12-18 to indicate that the claims are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer..
3. Request consideration of the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on November 20, 2008.

B. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Applicants have not received an initialed PTO-1449 corresponding to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on November 20, 2008. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner please consider and cite the references listed on the PTO-1449 of November 20, 2008, and that an initialed version thereof be returned to the undersigned.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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